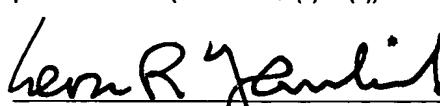


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER SER-102.1P US U.S. APPLICATION NO.: (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) not yet assigned 10218980
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/006446	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 June 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 21 June 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION Process For The Physical Depolymerization of Glycosaminoglycans and Products Obtained Therefrom		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Luigi DE AMBROSI, Nicola IANNOCONE, Sergio GONELLA, Elena VISMARA, Sofitario NESTI, and Giangiacomo TORRI		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>		

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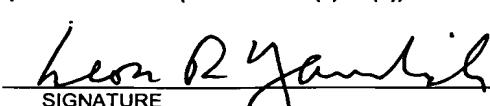
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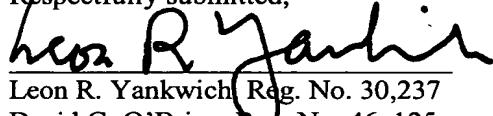
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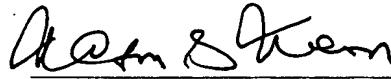

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